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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB)

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). OEAB members will discuss and provide advice on Federal ocean exploration programs, with a particular emphasis on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) activities, in the areas of: strategic planning, current and future exploration priorities, the competitive grants process, citizen exploration, the next National Forum on Ocean Exploration, and other matters as

described in the agenda found on the OEAB web site at <http://oeab/noaa.gov>.

TIME AND DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. PDT, and Wednesday, April 1, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. PDT.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Seaside Forum, 8610 Kennel Way, La Jolla, CA 92037.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. PDT (please check the agenda on the website to confirm the time).

The OEAB expects that public statements at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer should receive written comments by March 24, 2015, to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments

received after March 24, 2015, will be distributed to the OEAB but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer, at (206) 526-6950 by March 16, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-6950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA established the OEAB under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA leaderships on strategic planning, exploration priorities,

competitive ocean exploration grant programs and other matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies involved in ocean exploration, the private sector, academic institutions, and not-for-profit institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration—from advanced technology to citizen exploration.

In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the OEAB to play a leadership role in helping to define and develop a national program of ocean exploration—a network of stakeholders and partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean exploration.

Dated: March 6, 2015.

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Chief Financial Officer

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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